

Fume Hoods: Top Ten Best Management Practices

DO:

- 1.** Make sure the hood is working properly.
- 2.** Keep work at least six inches behind the hood sash.
- 3.** Keep the sash lowered to the minimum possible while working and closed at all other times.
- 4.** Keep safety equipment (i.e., fire extinguisher, personal protective equipment, etc.) near the fume hood.
- 5.** Use splash goggles and wear a full face shield if there is a possibility of an explosion or eruption.
- 6.** Substitute less hazardous or volatile chemicals whenever possible.



DO NOT:

- 7.** Use incompatible chemicals in the fume hood.
- 8.** Use electrical devices or other ignition sources when flammable liquids or gases are present.
- 9.** Allow chemicals to stand and evaporate as a method of waste disposal. This is illegal!
- 10.** Use the fume hood as a storage device.